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Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski  
Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Request by Governor of Puerto Rico for Intelligence  
Briefing on Caribbean Matters

1. This memorandum requests your formal approval that CIA organize and present an intelligence briefing on developments in the Caribbean region to the newly-elected Governor of Puerto Rico, Carlos Romero Barcelo.

2. BACKGROUND: Mr. Rod Hills, who was President Ford's personal representative at Governor Romero's swearing-in ceremony in Puerto Rico earlier this month, was asked by the Governor to approach the then DCI, George Bush, with the request for an intelligence briefing. The Governor noted he was particularly interested in the question of Cuban subversive activities in the Caribbean area.

3. On learning from Mr. Hills of the Governor's wish, Mr. Bush spoke to Lieutenant General Scowcroft about the matter on 19 January and obtained approval for the CIA to provide the briefing. Arrangements have not yet been made for the briefing and I wanted to reconfirm the whole matter with you.

4. Once your approval is received, we would plan to make arrangements for the briefing directly with the Governor. However, we defer to you if you would prefer that someone else notify the Governor that his request for an intelligence briefing is approved.

5. We will, of course, coordinate with concerned intelligence agencies -- specifically the FBI on the matter of Cuba's subversive activities. We will confine ourself to intelligence findings at the Secret level and will not discuss policy matters.

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Acting Director

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